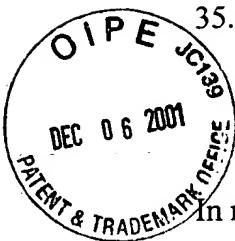


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents is provided on pages 2-3 of the Specification. An additional explanation of the relevance of Japanese Pat. No. JP 10186254 and JP 6183056 is provided in an English abstract attached to that document. The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

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A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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